

SECRECY PROTECTS NEGOTIATIONS OVER BRITISH BLOCKADE

Secretary Bryan Reticent on
Messages to England and
France.

Because of the almost complete certainty of Italy and most of the Balkan states entering the European war within a short time, the Administration has thrown a veil of secrecy around all of its pending negotiations.

Secretary of State Bryan refuses to make public the text of the messages of inquiry addressed to England and France asking them to define their blockade plans against Germany and to tell how they intend to shut off German commerce.

This action is taken because it is believed the matter will prove one for protracted negotiation, and every precaution is to be taken to prevent premature publicity from creating a situation that might embarrass both sides.

Evacuation Expected.

Unofficial advice received by the State Department says that the British-French plans provide for the evacuation of Constantinople by the end of this month.

It is expected that the Turco-German forces will not attempt to defend the city itself if defeated at the last line of defenses, but will evacuate. It is believed that the threatened capture of the Turkish capital will force Greece into the war, and that Italy and the remaining Balkan states will have to follow for self-protection.

Such action must inevitably shorten the war, believe officials who are in touch with the situation. The United States is doing its best to maintain understanding with England and France regarding American trade which will absolutely demonstrate the disinterested neutrality of this Government. This is said to be the chief reason for the Government's new policy of complete reticence.

"HOTEL DE GINK" IS SELF-SUPPORTING

Work Is Its One Big Asset.
Has Solved an Economic
Problem in New York.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The Hotel de Gink, derided and laughed at by city officials when Jeff Davis, the king of hoboes, first "blew" into New York and suggested it, is a success.

The members of the mayor's committee on unemployment now admit it. They left Jeff Davis and his boys alone for a month. At the end of thirty days they went on an inspection tour. What they saw opened their eyes, economically, to quite a large extent.

An average of 300 men a day have been fed at the hotel since it opened; that is 600 meals a day. The meals have cost on an average slightly over 7 cents each and, furthermore, they have been clean, well cooked and satisfying. To be sure, there has been no cake and demitasse served with them; neither do they start off with oysters, but none of the guests has found fault, and that is more than most hotels can say.

The Hotel de Gink has its own barber shop, its own tailoring establishment, its own judicial committee, its own police and its own hospital. There isn't a policeman to be found within a radius of two blocks of the place.

Solves Economic Problem.
And it has been self-supporting. The city has had these men taken off its hands without one cent of cost to it. It solved an economic problem that had Judge Gary and his co-workers scratching their heads to find a solution for.

The city rented the dilapidated old building at Worth and Center streets to the boss on credit. It had formerly been occupied by a button factory, which had left behind it several tons of white button dust. What to do with the stuff puzzled them for a time. Then one of their number conceived the idea of making a sort of whitewash or calamine of it, and they did it, and the place was thoroughly cleaned and ready for business. Button manufacturers formerly paid to get this stuff taken off their hands. Now they are selling it for 35 to 40 cents a ton.

The place was bare and dirty. It was cleaned. In cleaning, a great pile of old, rusty iron was found. This was taken and sawed into lengths of seven and one-half feet. The old, rusty joints were screwed into shape, the cross bars, canvas swung in the middle hammock fashion, and a bed of luxury was the result. That is just one sample of Hotel de Gink ingenuity.

Work is the one big asset of the hotel. Its guests must work. A call comes from some transfer firm that a man is sent down. He does the work, gets his pay, puts half of it in the hotel "kitty," and pockets the rest. "Kitty" comes the meals. Potatoes, carrots, onions, and perhaps a little meat are bought and dumped into a huge cauldron. That is "mulligan." Bread and coffee completes the balance of the menu.

Shaves Come Free.
Some barber in throwing away an old chair became thoughtful and sent it to the Hotel de Gink. A towel company caught the idea and sent down a thousand old towels. One of the 200-odd hobo boys was a barber, down on his luck. He is now installed as official hotel barber. It costs nothing for the guest to get his face scraped.

Plumbers from the number mended the aged heating apparatus. An engineer among them is now running it. A long-haired, dreamy-eyed individual, a wanderer with the "itch" in his feet that prevents him from becoming a regular physician, presides over the hospital dispensary. A tailor has his corner, where the guests can get their clothes mended free of charge. Things of work were bought from the funds in the "kitty." The coal bill the first month was \$5.

As a side line, the hotel is rapidly becoming a means of returning "lost" people to their relatives. Seven runaway boys have been returned to their homes since the house was founded. How the boys came to reveal they were runaways only Jeff Davis himself knows. He has a way of getting people's confidence and he has yet to be found guilty of its abuse.

War By Moonlight One Of Europe's Spectacles

Five Correspondents Visit Inundated Sections in
Belgium—American Typewriters Manned by
Soldiers Used at General Headquarters.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
HEADQUARTERS OF THE BELGIAN ARMY, FLANDERS, Feb. 13 (by mail to New York).—The war by moonlight is one of the spectacles Europe offers just now, but few are the outsiders permitted to see the show.

It was 10 o'clock at night when we left the general Belgian headquarters in automobiles bound for the front line of trenches. The staff officer who accompanied the party of five correspondents—representing the London Times and Mail, two Dutch dailies, and the United Press—suggested the trip.

First, at general headquarters on large maps the whole campaign in Belgium had been explained to us. Then we had visited the inundated sections. Next we were to visit the headquarters of a general in the field, then that of one of his colonels near the trenches, then the trenches themselves.

Becomes Bayonet Charge.
For it is thus that a thought at general headquarters becomes a bayonet charge at the bloody front, a desperate attack wherein many a mother's son is transformed into a bloody corpse.

After half an hour's ride the automobile headlights were extinguished, and we crept on through the night. We fell our way, often getting vicious bumps when the wheels dropped into water-filled holes created by shells, and which repair squads had not had time to refill.

In a room of field headquarters a number of American typewriters, manned by soldiers, were clicking away on reports, orders of the day, letters and

PRIVATE "MOVIES" SOCIETY'S NEW FAD

"Horse Set" Folk Snap Their
Friends and Then Show
Pictures at Dinners.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—Society has a new fad—private "movies." That section represented in the "horse set" especially numbers most of the society moving-picture enthusiasts. Take a picture of your friends doing things, show "Bilby" Cloyer, smashing your fellow members in the hunt club, and, best of all, frame up your own scenarios and work them into it. Then "film" them yourself and show the "movie" at your next dinner party and you will be keeping up with a group of society people along the Main Line who are in for the fad.

Charles A. Munn, horseman, polo player and fox hunter, of Radnor, leads them all so far, because he has a moving-picture camera, and has been taking his friends for pictures for private circulation. Fitz Eugene Dixon, of Chestnut Hill, also has a camera.

One day last week Mr. Munn and some of his friends set up "movies" on Capt. J. Franklin McPadden's farm at Radnor showing the Radnor Hunt Club's hounds and some well-known horse men and women in hunt costume going through all the incidents of a fox hunt.

Horace Binney Hare, M. F. H., of Radnor, Miss Elizabeth Sinnickson, Miss Ellen Mary Cassatt, Mrs. William Jackson Cloyer, Benjamin Chew, David B. Sharp, Howard Henry, Mrs. W. Frazier Harrison and Mrs. Victor C. Mather were some of the fox hunters who were in pictures, showing them starting out for a hunt, the hounds breaking cover, the run, the fox taking to the fences and a pretended "kill." A drag was used for the chase. Nearly every picture, it was learned, was a success. The pictures, however, are only for private circulation and exhibition.

Sheriff Whalen Will 'Recover, Says Doctor

Sheriff B. Peyton Whalen, of Montgomery county, Md., who shot himself in the mouth Saturday afternoon in his office at Rockville, will recover, according to his physician, Dr. William H. Moulton, of Friendship Heights. Unless unexpected complications develop.

The patient conversed at length with his wife, who visited him at the Georgetown University Hospital yesterday. When told that he would recover, Whalen was very much pleased, and expressed sorrow for his act.

Rostrand Sings Sonnet To Sarah Bernhardt

PARIS, March 8.—Under the title, "To Sarah," Edmond Rostrand celebrates Bernhardt's operation in a sonnet ending: "Spread out thy wings in the winds of the promontory."

"We needed a samothrace and steel in mutilating the muse gave us a victim," Bernhardt's condition is reported improving.

"CASCARETS" IF CONSTIPATED, HEADACHY, STOMACH SOUR OR BILIOUS—DIME A BOX

Turn the rascals out—the headaches, biliousness, constipation, the sick, sour stomach and foul gases—turn them out tonight with Cascarets.

Don't put in another day of distress. Let Cascarets sweeten and regulate your stomach; remove the sour, undigested and fermenting food and that misery-making gas; take the excess bile from

NEW SPRING OPENING IS REALLY UNUSUAL

Money Heretofore Used For
Elaborate Program to Im-
prove Quality of Goods.

A formal spring opening without music, flowers or souvenirs! That is what Milton R. Ney announces from his new store, Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The explanation for this innovation is of deep meaning to the customer and his pocketbook.

"The money that might have been devoted to these features, and it does cost a great deal," said Mr. Ney, "has been devoted to the more material comfort of the customer, since, by eliminating all extras, I have been able to offer my goods at remarkable price concessions."

Besides the formal spring opening, this season celebrates the entrance of the Ney store to the new building, where, with added floor space and unusual lighting facilities, for the customer can be obtained.

Another feature which the opening of this establishment reveals is the fact that here there is no need for the usual "big sale" or "big bargain" windows supply natural light by which customers will be able to obtain a correct estimate of the value of the things for which they pay.

The Ney store is made of clothing for women and misses, including coats, waists, suits, skirts, and millinery. The ready trimmed hats, and the new and complete stock of the popular separates of sport, cloths, poplins, novelty cloths, and white chinchillas, are quoted at exceptional values.

Chance Leads Son to Father After 29 Years

BRONSON, Mich., March 8.—When his wife died in Hastings, twenty-nine years ago, Carroll A. Cutler, now of that town, entrusted the care of his year-old infant, Ernest Cutler, to the grandmother on his wife's side, and went East.

Shortly after this the grandmother died and the child was sent to the State school at Coldwater. From here he was taken at an early age by Ed Moses, of Bronson, who cared for the child until his wife's death, when Ernest was returned to the school.

He was again taken out by Robert Cattell, also of Bronson, who reared and educated him, but by this time the boy had lost all trace of his father and other relatives.

Recently Ernest Cutler, now married, called at the home of a friend and there met a man who he really the lost son. Father and son are now reunited, after a lapse of twenty-nine years.

Inspection of Militia Here to Begin Tonight

The annual inspection of the District National Guard begins tonight in the Army, when companies A and B of the Second Infantry will be inspected. Capt. Horace P. Hobbs, of the Second Infantry, U. S. A., who recently relieved Lieut. George Lynch as inspector-in-chief of the District militia, will make the inspection.

Bible, Dice, and Dagger Are Found on Prisoner

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 8.—"What are you, a preacher or a gambler?" asked the turnkey at the local police station when searching Virgil Wing, twenty, of Madison, Ky., who had been arrested on a loitering charge.

Under the prisoner's coat were found in Wing's pockets: A large Bible, revolver, pair of dice, deck of cards, dagger, bottle of whisky, and cartridges.

DON'T BE DECEIVED.

If you feel exhausted and weak or tired, easily don't try to brace up on liquor or some patent medicine that will produce the same effect.

It is only temporary, and the reaction leaves you in worse shape than before.

What you want is more strength. Father John's Medicine is a pure food medicine; its ingredients are nourishing and strengthening. Nothing could be so tonic and body builder for all throat and lung troubles.

Contains no alcohol or injurious drugs. Get a bottle today; it will make you strong. Remember, it has been in use fifty years.

FATHER'S JOHN'S MEDICINE

Contains no weakening stimulants—no temporary tonic. It makes new strength, and because it is a food medicine it builds you up.

HEADACHES

Thousands of men and women suffer from headaches every day, other thousands have headaches every week or every month, and still others have headaches occasionally, but not at regular intervals. The best doctor is often unable to find the cause of many of these headaches, and in most other cases, knowing the cause, he does not know what to remove it.

All he can do is to prescribe the usual pain relievers, which give temporary relief, but do not remove the cause. And treatment is again necessary. If you suffer from headaches, no matter what their nature, take one or two tablets of the medicine will be satisfactory in the highest degree. You can obtain them at all drug stores in any A-K-T. Tablets, 25c world or more.

SICK-HEADACHES
Sick-headache, the most miserable of all ailments, is a matter and a great deal of trouble. When you feel an attack coming on, take two tablets, and in many cases the attack will be averted off. During an attack take one A-K-T. Tablet every two hours. The rest and comfort which follow, can be obtained in no other way.

Consult A-K-T. bear the A-K-T. manogram. At all drug stores. —ADVT.

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What War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. MASON.
NEW YORK, March 8.—(U. S. A. M.)—There is no reason for believing that King Constantine of Greece is preventing his country joining the war with the allies because his wife is the German Emperor's sister.

The King was born in Athens, and is not a monarch adopted from some other country. His paternal blood is Danish, which does not make him a partisan of the Germans. Reports that feminine influences are causing him to work against the interests of his country are doubtless circulated by too zealous friends of the allies.

There is ample room for differences of opinion among Greeks concerning the best way of serving the rejuvenated ambitions of the monarchy. If Greece enters the war, and Constantinople does not fall, there may be no reward commensurate with Greek sacrifices.

Greek assistance to the allies, under any circumstances, would be problematical as far as Constantinople is concerned.

Bulgaria separates Greece from Turkey, and prevents a European advance upon Constantinople by the Greek army. Greek troops might be used for Asia Minor operations, but Greece could scarcely offer to the allies an expeditionary force greater than 150,000 men, a number whose utility would soon be exhausted.

Indeed, the Greek army might be diverted from Turkey and be used for the defense of Serbia, which would not fit in with Greek desires at all.

The allies want Greece to enter the war, not because of the active assistance which she can give them, but because of the influence upon Italy. The Roman government is jealous of Greek expansionist ideas. Both countries are seeking possession of Albania, whose southeastern border abuts on Greece and whose western boundary is the Adriatic shore, opposite Italy.

With Greece a belligerent and Italy remaining neutral, the powers might award part of Albania to Greece and none to Italy. At the same time, if Italy follow Greece into the war, the latter's claims may neutralize each other, and Greece would get nothing.

These circumstances indicate the difficulty of deciding whether Greece would gain advantages commensurate with the risks and losses of a war against the Turks and Italians. Mr. Venizelos, who has just resigned the premiership, thinks the reward would more than compensate for the price Greece would have to pay. It is apparent, however, that some, at least, of Greece's statesmen, hold different views.

The following editorial system of European nations, any cabinet can plunge a nation into war before parliament knows what has happened, unless the monarch intervenes. King Constantine has prevented the Ven-

Japan Is Charged With Trying to Bribe Chinese

LONDON, March 8.—A Tientsin dispatch to the Morning Post reports that the conferences in Peking between representatives of Japan and Chinese officials regarding Japan's demands are being embarrassed by reports in the Chinese press of alleged attempts by a Japanese diplomat to bribe or intimidate prominent members of the government.

Otherwise the negotiations are proceeding as smoothly as can be expected. It is reported from Peking that Japan has been informing the treaty powers that originally she presented twenty-one demands. An explanation of the variation between the demands as presented in China and those presented in Japan are asked for.

10,000 Flights Made by French Army Aviators

PARIS, March 8.—An official statement gives statistics concerning the aerial flights of the French aviators during the eight months of the war. It says:

Approximately 10,000 aerial reconnaissance have been made, amounting to 18,000 hours in the air. The distance covered was over 1,116,000 miles, which would amount to about forty times around the globe.

"Unfortunately the results are not obtained without serious losses, which equal and sometimes even surpass other methods of warfare."

May Lo Take a Drink Like Paleface Brother?

GREEN BAY, Wis., March 8.—A test case soon will be started and taken to the United States supreme court to settle the question of whether an Indian has a legal right to drink intoxicating liquors after he ceases to be a ward of the government and possesses citizenship rights.

Officials of the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been asked to prosecute an action in the municipal court against a saloonkeeper for selling liquor to some member of the Oneida tribe in order to get the case started on its way to the highest tribunal of the nation.

TERRE HAUTE VOTE FRAUD TRIAL BEGINS

Mayor and Twenty-Seven Other
Politicians at Bar—Jury-
Picking Starts.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 8.—The jury to try Mayor Don M. Roberts and twenty-seven other Terre Haute politicians, charged with conspiring to corrupt the election of Vigo county, probably will be selected by tonight or early tomorrow.

This was the general feeling when the trial started today in federal court. A venire of sixty men reported. Eighty-eight men already have pleaded guilty to the charge of conspiracy. The indictment named 126 men, but ten have not been arrested.

Practically the entire Roberts organization was in court today, either in the group fighting the case or among those pleading guilty.

Builders Meet Tonight.

The Builders and Manufacturers' Exchange, at its monthly meeting tonight, will present, in addition to a business program, a musical entertainment.

Positive Relief For Constipation

The progress of modern medical science is, perhaps, no more forcefully evident than in the simplifying of many of the old-time remedies of past generations. For instance, the harsh cathartics and violent purgatives used by our forefathers to relieve constipation are now known to be not only unnecessary but really harmful. Constipation can be more effectively relieved without the discomfort and pain these old-time remedies occasion.

A combination of simple laxative herbs with pepsin, sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is most effective, yet mild and pleasant. It is absolutely free from opiates and narcotics and equally as desirable a remedy for the tiniest babe as for rugged manhood. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 432 Washington St., Monticello, Ills.



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CORNERED PORK HOCKS per lb. 10c
3 lbs. for 25c

SAUER KRAUT Silver 5c
Floss Quart

Royal Red Asparagus, 25c size . . . 15c
Plain and Stuffed Olives, 10c size . . . 8c
Salad Dressing, "My Wife's," 15c size 12c
Kirkman Soap, 2 for 9c
Fels Naptha Soap, 2 for 9c

TOMATOES No. 3 Extra 25c
Standard Four for 25c

Van Camp's Soups, all kinds 7½c
Van Camp's Spaghetti, No. 1 7½c
Van Camp's Spaghetti, No. 2 12c
Van Camp's Beans, No. 1 7½c
Van Camp's Beans, No. 2 12c
Van Camp's Beans, No. 3 15c

SUGAR, lb. . . 5½c

Tuna Fish, ¼ lb. can 9c
Tuna Fish, ½ lb. can 14c
Tuna Fish, 1 lb. can 18c
Sardines, Mon Dial, 12c can 10c
Sardines, Rosalind, can 8c
¼ Oil Sardines, 3 for 10c
¼ Mustard Sardines, 3 for 10c

Bonita Sliced Peaches No. 1 9c

Golden Scene Peaches 13c
Assorted Jams, Curtis Bros 16c
Evaporated Peaches, lb. 7c
Columbia River Salmon, ½ lb. can . 14c
Columbia River Salmon, 1 lb. can . 22c

SHOULDERS, Smoked, 10c
Shoulders, corned, lb. 10c
Fresh Spare Ribs, lb. 10c
Lean Pork Chops, lb. 14c
Pure Open Kettle Lard, lb. . . . 12½c

EGGS Strictly Fresh
Leyden Brand doz. 22c
Millbrook Eggs extra graded for quality and size doz. . 25c

FISH
Sea Bass, 10c per lb.; 3 lbs. 25c
Butterfish, 10c per lb.; 3 lbs. . . . 25c
Fancy Trout, lb. 10c
Fresh Codfish, whole fish for baking lb. . . 10c
Steak Pollock, lb. 12½c
Steak Codfish, lb. 15c
Steak Halibut, lb. 18c
Large Potomac Shad, each 50c
White and Yellow Perch, lb. . . . 12½c
Oysters, qt. 25c

Fruits and Vegetables

Fancy White Potatoes, pk. 15c
Yellow Globe Onions, pk. 25c
Florida Cabbage, new, head . . . 8c to 10c
Florida Oranges, doz. . . . 15c, 20c, & 25c
Florida Grape Fruit, each 4c & 5c
APPLES—
Va. Beauties, pk. 25c
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930 La. Ave. N. W.
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